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**NEWS RELEASE SUMMARY** - November 15, 2004

United States Attorney Carol C. Lam announced that United States District Court Judge John A. Houston today sentenced ASTRID K. TEPATTI in federal district court in San Diego to serve a prison term of 131 months in custody for her role in the attempted murder of her ex-husband, Sergeant Stephen James Tepatti, a Marine stationed at the U.S. Marine Corps Base, Camp Pendleton, California. Judge Houston also ordered that TEPATTI serve a three-year term of supervised release following her release from prison.

TEPATTI previously pled guilty to charges of attempted murder and possession of a firearm during a crime of violence. TEPATTI's co-defendant, EBONY P. WOODS, who earlier had pled guilty to attempted murder and aiding and abetting, is scheduled to be sentenced on December 17, 2004, at 10:30 a.m.

U.S. Attorney Lam stated, "The violent nature of this crime is reflected in the substantial sentence imposed today."

**DEFENDANT**

ASTRID K. TEPATTI

**SUMMARY OF CHARGES**

Title 18, United States Code, Section 1113 (Attempted Murder)

Maximum Penalty: Twenty years incarceration and \$250,000 fine

Title 18, United States Code, Section 924(c)(1)(A)(i) (Use of a Firearm During a Crime of Violence)

Maximum Penalty: Five years consecutively; \$250,000 fine

**AGENCIES**

Naval Criminal Investigative Service

Federal Bureau of Investigation

California Highway Patrol

Oceanside Police Department

Yuma Police Department